

Observation Checklist

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions families make. Finding the right caregiver is often a challenge. The list below will aid you in the process of what to look for in order to find the best care for your child.

- Regularly scheduled nutritious meals and snacks are provided and menus are posted.
- Indoor and Outdoor spaces are clean and safe.
- Children and adults wash hands after diapering/toileting and before meals.
- Furniture and equipment is child sized.
- Medicine and cleaning products are out of the reach of children.
- Discipline is handled in a gentle, but firm manner.
- Rules are clear, simple and consistent.
- Children are not expected to sit quietly or wait for long periods of time.
- Books, blocks, puzzles and other learning materials are available and within easy reach of the children.
- Outdoor play occurs daily; weather permitting.
- Each child has their own crib or cot.
- Parents are welcome at any time, without prior notice.
- Caregivers respond quickly in a loving, gentle way.
- There is a daily schedule that makes children feel comfortable and secure.
- Parents and children are greeted upon arrival.
- Caregivers have training specific to the ages of children they care for.